(d) The conference was organised by IGMT. Free passage for travel on Air India was given in consideration of the fact that the concerence served as an international forum for interaction on the important theme of 'Redefining the Good Society'.

महाराष्ट्र के ग्रामीण-क्षेत्रों के लिए पेयजल योजना

202. **श्री सुशील कुमार सम्भाजी राव शिन्दे :** क्या प्रधानमंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में पेयजल की व्यवस्था करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार की कोई योजना प्रस्तुत की है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने इस योजना के अंतर्गत प्रत्येक व्यक्ति के लिए 55 लीटर पानी की आपूर्ति करने का प्रस्ताव किया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार उक्त योजना को स्वीकृति प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्यमंत्री (श्री उत्तम भाई पटेल) : (क) और (ख) महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने 55 लीटर जल प्रति व्यक्ति के आधार पर त्वरित ग्रामीण जल सप्लाई कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत तकनीकी स्वीकृति के लिए कोई योजना नहीं भेजी है ।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Setting up of Rural Electronic Technology Centers in The Country

*205. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Rural Electronic Technology Centres have been set up in each State ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the total expenditure incurred by Government on the centres during the last five years, year-wise and state-wise ;

(d) the manner in which rural people and farmers have been benefitted from it ;

(e) whether the centres have any proposal to organise any programme at block or Panchayat level in future ;

(f) whether the centre have chalked out any programme to impart TV Transistor repairing training to the rural youths at block and Panchayat level ; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. There is only one Rural Electronics Technology Centre (RETC) at Jaipur in Rajasthan functioning since April, 1990 as a unit of Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Ltd. (REIL), a public sector enterprise. The Government of India have released grants-in-aid as under :—

Year	Amount Released
1989—90	Rs. 5 lakhs
1991—92	Rs. 15 lakhs
1993—94	Rk. 11 lakhs

(d) and (e) Products developed by RETC, Jaipur are field tested at Block/Panchayat levels. The product-line for computerised milk collection system have helped in automation as well as fair and prompt payment to the dairy farmers at village co-operative societies for milk collection. The Solar Photovoltaic systems (SPV) have helped in providing energy in un-electrified remote areas for pumping, lighting, telecommunication, entertainment etc.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Parle and Coco-Cola Agreement

*207. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to intervene directly in the issue of the corporate mergers and tie-ups between Parle and Coco-Cola ;

(b) if so, whether investigations on the impact of the Parle and Coco-Cola Agreement on the soft-drink market have been launched ;

(c) what are the details thereof ; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government against those companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. Corporate mergers/amalgamations are governed by the provisions of Sections 391—394 of the Companies Act, 1956 requiring approval of the High Courts. The tie-up arrangement between Parle Exports Limited and Coca Cola Company is not a case of merger/amalgamation. However, the Director General of Investigation & Registration (DGI&R) empowered to make investigations for purposes of the Monopolies & Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969, has called upon M/s Parle Exports Limited, Bombay to furnish a copy of the agreement entered into with Coca Cola Company, Atlanta, USA to examine whether the same is registrable under Section 35 of the MRTP Act. On receipt of the agreement and other relevant details, DGI&R will take appropriate action for alleged restrictive trade practices, if any, under the said Act.

Reducing subsidy on Fertilizers

*209. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is Government's policy to reduce subsidy on fertilizers and if so, what has been the achievement so far in this direction ;

(b) what are the latest estimates of production, demand and import of fertilizers (including foreign exchange cost) during each Year of the Eighth Five Year Plan ; and

(c) what measures are being taken to achieve self-sufficiency in fertilizer production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) At present, only the nitrogenous fertilizers, namely, Urea, Calcium Ammonium Nitrate, Ammonium Sulphate and Ammonium Chloride are covered under the subsidy scheme. With effect from 25-8-92, all phosphatic and potassic fertilizers have been decontrolled. However, a special concession of Rs. 1000/tonne continues to be provided from Rabi 1992-93 on sale of MOP to farmers. Similar concession of Rs. 1000/tonne of DAP and proportionate concession in respect of complex fertilizers was provided during the Rabi 1992-93. However, during the current year, this special concession of Rs. 1000/tonne is available on indigenous DAP and proportionate concession in respect of complex fertilizers and SSP. No such concession is available on imported DAP.

(b) Estimates of demand, production and import of fertliizers (nutrient-wise) in the